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PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 7552.0041

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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 Andrea PARRINO et al.) Group Art Unit: 3751
)
 Application No.: 10/511,391) Examiner: John K. Fristoe, Jr.
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 Filed: October 15, 2004)
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 For: CONNECTION ELEMENT AND) Confirmation No.: 2102
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 CONNECTING DEVICE FOR)
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 TUBES)

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of August 9, 2006. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	65	-	20	45	x \$ 50	\$ 2,250.00
Indep.	5	-	3	2	x \$200	400.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$360	0
Subtotal						\$ 2,650.00
Reduction by ½ if small entity						- 0
TOTAL						\$ 2,650.00

☒ A fee of \$2,650.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.


11/15/2006 GFREY1 00000100 10511391

01 FC:1615
 02 FC:1614

2250.00 OP
 400.00 OP

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: November 9, 2006

By: 
Aaron L. Parker
Reg. No. 50,785



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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2006, the period for response extending to November 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 27 of this Reply.